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1. Colonel Stepanov [redacted] visited the Zeiss Works in Jena on 5 December [redacted] and bought a pair of opera glasses. He wore red piping on his uniform, [redacted] and was accompanied by an unidentified major. This 50X1-HUM was the first time Stepanov had visited Zeiss.
2. [redacted] a contract to Zeiss for 79 A-1 aerial gunnery training devices. The cable read "Auftrag erteilt, bereitet Fertigung vor". Zeiss is to commence delivery of these items in August 1952, and the delivery of all 79 units is to be accomplished by December 1952. (Fnu) Kittler will probably be responsible for the production program, while (fnu) Helmrich will supervise the final production stages (Fertigung).
3. (Fnu) Helmrich was the Zeiss delegate to a group of engineers who spent September to November 1951 in Berlin working on the preparations of new developments in behalf of the DMR Ministry of Machine Construction. Helmrich, who returned to Jena early in December 1951, has recently made inquiries at Zeiss concerning the possible production of the A-2 aerial training device. He was informed that the plans were still on Dr. Hugo Schrade's desk, but that Zeiss would probably take over the production, without, however, using the services of Dr. Hillgers, the designer of the A-1.
4. During November 1951, Zeiss received inquiries through the DIA from prospective Soviet and Polish buyers (i.e., for export contracts), concerning the possible delivery of sounding devices (Echolote). Zeiss informed these correspondents that the concern has never made this type of instruments. In October 1951, two Russian officials from Siemens und Halske (SAG Kabel) in Zwickau, Saxony, made inquiries of Zeiss as to the possibility of buying devices for photographing the bottom of the sea. Dipl. Ing. Walter Fischer attended the discussion. Zeiss has never made these devices.
5. When the diamond die department of Zeiss was moved from its previous location in the Zeiss works to the Südwerk on approximately 1 November 1951, the old premises of the diamond die plant were taken over by the nitro-lack department.

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